

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:



1-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a blood delivery conduit for use in placing a target vessel of a patient's vascular system in fluid communication with a source of blood, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing first and second hollow members each of which has a sidewall comprising an interior surface [[a lumen]] and an exterior surface, the interior surface defining a lumen, first hollow member having two ends defining outlets, the second hollow member having proximal and distal ends, the proximal end having bifurcated flaps, the distal end defining an inlet;
- (b) forming an opening through the sidewall of the first hollow member that extends into the lumen of the first hollow member, and applying an adhesive to the exterior surface of the first hollow member adjacent to the opening;
- (c) positioning ~~one of the first and second ends~~ the bifurcated flaps of the second hollow member adjacent the opening in the first hollow member; and
- (d) joining the proximal [[one]] end of the second hollow member to the first hollow member[[s]], wherein the adhesive bonds the bifurcated flaps of the second hollow member to the exterior surface of the first hollow member, [[with]] the lumens of the first and second hollow members sealed together in fluid communication.

34. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33, wherein the first and second hollow members are formed of a synthetic vascular graft material selected from the group consisting of polytetrafluoroethylene, expanded polytetrafluoroethylene, ~~Dacron~~ (polyethylene terephthalate, ~~[[~~), and]] polyester type polyurethane, (polyester and polycarbonate type polyurethane[[s]]).
35. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3[[4]]3, further comprising providing the first ~~and~~ or second hollow members with a support structure to add rigidity to the members.
36. (Currently amended) The method of claim 35, wherein the support structure further comprises a structural coating, disposed on the exterior surface of the ~~disposed on at least one of the first and second hollow members.~~
37. (Cancelled)
38. (New) The method of clam 36, wherein the structural coating further comprised a wire re-enforcing member.